



# Arthur R Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Application



**Instructions:** Please print out this form and write legibly in black or blue ink. To request an application by mail, please call (561) 735-6030.

<i>Name:</i>		<i>Date of Birth:</i>	
<i>Street Address:</i> <i>City, State &amp; Zip</i>			
<i>Telephone number:</i> <i>Home (    )</i> <i>Work (    )</i> <i>Cell (    )</i>		<i>Email address:</i>	
<i>Volunteers under 18 years of age, please give name and phone number of parent or guardian:</i>			
<i>Please mark the box indicating the highest level of education achieved and enter your grade/degree:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary School High School College	Grade _____ Grade _____ Degree(s) _____ Major & Minor _____	
<i>Please list all relevant training, qualifications, skills, licenses (including driver's licenses), permits, and hobbies:</i>			
<i>Please list any experience that would contribute to your work as a volunteer:</i>			
<i>Please mark the box(s) for each job you are interested in learning more about:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Nature walks, talks, slide shows Visitor Center Information duty Trail rover Photography / Graphic Arts Journalism Education (Children, Young Adults) Computer Technologist	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife studies and surveys Specimen collection Maintenance, light construction Exotic Plant Removal Skilled Construction Reception, typing, filing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____			

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*Please list two personal references of persons who are not related to you, including their business and home phones:*

*Please list any physical or medical limitations, including allergies.*

*Please mark the months you are available:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr	<input type="checkbox"/> July	<input type="checkbox"/> Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> All Months
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> June	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec	

*Please check the box for day(s) of week available and specify the hours, including AM or PM.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Sun	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Tues	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

***When completed, please call Volunteer Coordinator at (561) 735-6030 for an interview. You may also drop off application at the address listed below:***

Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Visitor Center  
ARM Loxahatchee NWR  
10216 Lee Road  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33437-4796



# Arthur R Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Information



The United States Fish and Wildlife Service at the Arthur R Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge needs **YOU!** We need your talents, your enthusiasm, and some of your time. If you enjoy working with people and are concerned about our nation's resources, our volunteer program may be for you.

## WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Varied opportunities exist at the refuge for the volunteer to gain valuable and rewarding experience. Volunteers assist refuge personnel in achieving management goals by working in fields such as:

- **Interpretation / Education**

Volunteers help visitors understand and appreciate both the natural and human history of the refuge, as well as provide information on the recreational and educational opportunities available. Volunteers accomplish this by such activities as nature walks, talks, slide programs and visitor center information duty. Volunteers also rove the more than 4 miles of refuge trails to help visitors, note vandalism and maintenance needs, and pick up litter. A volunteer speakers bureau provides off-site programs to various groups in the community. Volunteers may also train to become docents for educational groups.

- **Resource Management**

Qualified individuals may assist refuge biologists in such areas as wildlife studies, census, surveys, and data entry. Volunteers may also assist in the refuge's invasive exotic plant removal project.

- **General Maintenance**

Volunteers may help refuge employees in general tasks including sign installation and maintenance, general painting and construction, and routine vehicle maintenance. Additional, opportunities sometimes arise in more specialized areas for those with skills in disciplines as plumbing, carpentry, and electrical work.

- **Landscape Maintenance**

Volunteers are needed to maintain trails and parking lot areas, litter pick-up, and other general landscape maintenance. Opportunities also exist in maintaining the refuge Butterfly Garden.

- **Special Projects**

Volunteers may work independently or under general supervision in such areas as photography, journalism, photo and specimen collections, typing, receptionist, and other related duties.

- **Computer Technologists**

There is a growing need for experienced computer technologists.

## **WHEN DO VOLUNTEERS WORK?**

Many volunteers donate their services on the weekend, but there is also a need for their skills during the week. Working hours are generally in the morning and/or afternoon, but some evening work may be needed for meetings, orientation, training sessions, and special projects.

## **WHY VOLUNTEER?**

Volunteers realize various benefits from working at the refuge. Involvement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an agency dedicated to the principle of conservation, is satisfying and rewarding to many. Others find duties fulfilling and challenging as old talents are employed and new skills acquired. To most, however, the motive is simply enjoyment. Volunteer work can be just plain fun!

## **WHO MAY APPLY?**

Our volunteer program is open to everyone. However, those under 18 years of age must have written permission from their parent or guardian.

## **HOW DO YOU APPLY?**

Apply by filling out and submitting our Volunteer Application form. A copy of the form is on our web site at <http://loxahatchee.fws.gov/home/default.asp> or can be obtained by calling our Volunteer Program office at (561) 735-6030.

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